

REMARKS

By this amendment, an amendment to the specification is made to incorporate related application information. Claims 24-46 are currently pending. The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple claim dependency.


The examiner is respectfully requested to consider the above preliminary amendment prior to the examination of the application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of the Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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